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It is respectfully requested that the references cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08 be considered in the examination of the subject application and that their consideration be made of record.

Published International Application WO 99/19477, cited as F2 on the attached form PTO/SB/08, is written in a foreign language. In accordance with MPEP §609A(3), Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the International Search Report from corresponding International Application No. PCT/US2004/040363 which was filed on December 2, 2004. Applicants have also

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Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statement.

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